

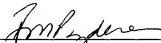
REMARKS

Applicants have added claim 46 directed to a linear  $\alpha$ -1,4 glucan obtained by the process of claim 40. Support for this claim may be found, *inter alia*, at page 24, line 14 to page 26, line 18 and at page 28, line 14 to page 29, line 25.

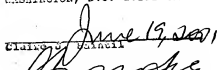
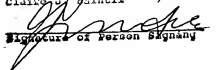
After entry of the added claim, claims 2, 8 and 19-46 are pending in the application.

No new matter is introduced. Entry of the amendments is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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